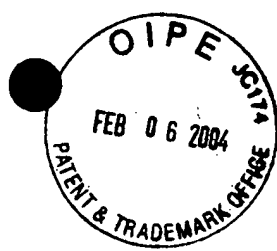


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ANALYSIS

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98,

Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 4,578,762 to WONG, issued on March 25, 1986;

U.S. Patent No. 5,060,505 to TURY et al., issued on October 29, 1991;

U.S. Patent No. 5,334,536 to NONNENMACHER, issued on August 2, 1994;

U.S. Patent No. 5,387,971 to KOASHI et al., issued on February 7, 1995;

U.S. Patent No. 5,451,787 to TAYLOR, issued on September 19, 1995;

U.S. Patent No. 5,468,962 to OHISHI et al., issued on November 21, 1995;

U.S. Patent No. 5,474,665 to FRIESE et al., issued on December 12, 1995;

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U.S. Patent No. 5,485,527 to BACUS et al., issued on January 16, 1996;

U.S. Patent No. 5,572,031 to COOPER et al., issued on November 5, 1996 and  
which is discussed beginning P. 1 of the specification;

U.S. Patent No. 5,637,872 to TULIP, issued on June 10, 1997;

U.S. Patent No. 5,677,534 to ARAYA, issued on October 14, 1997;

U.S. Patent No. 5,703,365 to ISHIHARA et al., issued on December 30, 1997;

U.S. Patent No. 5,821,537 to ISHIHARA et al., issued on October 13, 1998;

U.S. Patent No. 5,886,247 to RABBETT, issued on March 23, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 5,892,577 to GORDON, issued on April 6, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 5,930,000 to BRAND, issued on July 27, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 6,001,499 to GROT et al., issued on December 14, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 6,006,585 to FORSTER, issued on December 28, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 6,055,876 to KATO, issued on May 2, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 6,121,627 to TULIP, issued on September 19, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 6,157,033 to CHUDNOVSKY, issued on December 5, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 6,267,927 to LONGEDO et al. , issued on July 31, 2001;

U.S. Patent No. 6,274,879 to BEST-TIMMAN, issued on August 14, 2001;

U.S. Patent No. 6,359,278 to GRAHAM, issued on March 19, 2002;

U.S. Patent No. 6,483,589 to SUZUKI et al., issued on November 19, 2002; and

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U.S. Patent No. 6,525,813 to YOKOTA, issued on February 25, 2003.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents and enclosed translations. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.491(b), Applicants note that the instant application was filed after June 30, 2003, and thus, copies of the above-mentioned U.S. patents are not attached hereto. Copies of all of the above-mentioned documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Further, Applicant also brings the following copending and commonly assigned patent application to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/615,739 to VEALE, entitled "Apparatus and Method for Nondestructive Monitoring of Gases in Sealed Containers," filed on July 13, 2000.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-mentioned U.S. patent application is attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of this U.S. patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

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Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement.

However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

Should there be any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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